

Department Proposed Recommendations for 2008-09 and 2009-10

The Department is proposing 7 changes to seasons as listed directly below:

1. Extend the Youth Pheasant Season from first Saturday in October through the following Friday.
2. Revise WMA pheasant program hunter-orange rule to include a minimum size requirement of 36 square inches of visible hunter orange worn above the waist.
3. Extend the Youth Turkey Season from the Saturday before April 15 through April 14.
4. Make youth-only controlled hunt turkey permits valid during the Youth Turkey Season prior to April 15.
5. Increase controlled hunt turkey permits for hunt areas; 938-2, 950, 954, 971, and 936B.
6. Create a fall controlled turkey hunt for hunt areas 971 and 950.
7. Close fall hunt in that portion of Payette County in Unit 38.

Proposed changes are listed below **in bold**:

Phasants: Area 1: 2008: Oct 14-Dec 31 Shooting hours start 1/2 hour
2009: Oct 13-Dec 31 before sunrise.

Area 2: 2008: Oct 21-Nov 30 Shooting hours start at noon
2009: Oct 20-Nov 30 on opening day.

Area 3: 2008: Oct 21-Dec 31 Shooting hours start at noon
2009: Oct 20-Dec 31 on opening day.

3 cock daily bag limit/6 cock possession limit.

Youth Season: First Saturday in Oct through the following Friday.

WMA

Pheasants: 2 cock daily bag limit/4 cock possession limit

10am start of shooting hours for Fort Boise WMA, C.J. Strike WMA, Montour WMA and Payette River WMA, except on opening day when shooting hours begin at noon.

Shooting hours start at 1/2 hour before sunrise on Market Lake WMA, Mud Lake WMA, Cartier Sough WMA, Sterling WMA, Niagara Springs WMA, except on opening day when shooting hours begin at noon.

WMA permit required for hunters 17 years old and older.

Require upland game and upland game bird hunters to a minimum of 36 square inches of visible hunter orange above the waist while hunting on Wildlife Management Areas where the Department stocks upland game birds.

Quail:	2008: Sep 16-Jan 31	Regions 1-4
	Closed	Regions 5-7
	2009: Sep 15-Jan 31	Regions 1-4
	Closed	Regions 5-7

10 bird daily bag limit/20 bird possession limit.

Chukar/gray partridge:	2008: Sep 16-Jan 31	Statewide
	2009: Sep 15-Jan 31	Statewide

8 bird daily bag limit/16 bird possession limit.

Sharptails:	2008: Oct 1-Oct 31	Area 2	Area 1 is closed.
	2009: Oct 1-Oct 31	Area 2	Area 1 is closed.

2 bird daily bag limit/4 bird possession limit.
Continue the permit for Sharp-tailed grouse.

Sage-grouse: **Season to be set at July Commission meeting.**

Forest grouse:	2008: Sep 1-Dec 31	Statewide
	2009: Sep 1-Dec 31	Statewide

4 bird daily bag limit/8 bird possession limit.

Cottontails:	2008: Sep 1-Feb 28	Statewide
	2009: Sep 1-Feb 28	Statewide

8 daily limit/16 possession limit.

Snowshoe Hares:	2008: Sep 1-Mar 31	Statewide
	2009: Sep 1-Mar 31	Statewide

8 daily limit/16 possession limit

Pygmy Rabbit:	2008: Closed season	Statewide
	2009: Closed season	Statewide

Crows:	2008: Oct 1-Jan 31	Statewide
	2009: Oct 1-Jan 31	Statewide

No daily bag or possession limits

Doves:	2008: Sep 1-30	Statewide
	2009: Sep 1-30	Statewide

10 daily limit/ 20 possession limit

Cranes: 2008: Sep 1-15 Permit hunts
2009: To be determined

Add 10 permits in 2008 to all hunts in Teton, Fremont, Bonneville, and Jefferson counties.

Falconry: 2008: Aug 15-Mar 15 Statewide
2009: Aug 15-Mar 15 Statewide

3 of any upland bird daily limit, not to include more than 1 pheasant, 1 sage-grouse or 1 sharp-tailed grouse, except during firearms seasons when those season limits apply. Two of any cottontail rabbit or snowshoe hare daily limit. Possession limit is double the bag limit.

Others: Motorized vehicle rule applies to upland game hunting within the following units; 29, 30, 30A, 32, 32A, 36A, 37A, 45, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 56, **57**, 58, 59, 59A, 66, 70, 72 (late season archery deer only), 73, 75, 77, 78. Applies through Jan 31.

Turkey
spring
seasons: 2008: Apr 12-**14** Youth-only season
2009: Apr 11-**14** Youth-only season

Youth-only controlled hunt permits for hunt area 938-2, 950-2, 954-1, 968-1, 971-1, and 936B-2 would also be valid during the Youth Season.

2008: Apr 15-May 25 General season
2009: Apr 15-May 25 General season
Units: 1, 2 (except Farragut State Park and Farragut WMA), 3, 4, 4A, 5, 6, 8, 8A, 10, 10A, 11, 11A, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 22, 23, 24, 31, 32 (except that portion in Payette County), 32A, 33, 39, 73, 74, 75, 77, and 78.

Southwest Controlled Hunts

2008: Apr 15-May 25
2009: Apr 15-May 25
Hunt Area: 938-1. 75 permits
Hunt Area: 938-2. **60 permits** Youth only

Magic Valley Controlled Hunts

2008: Apr 15-May 25
2009: Apr 15-May 25
Hunt Area: 954-1. **30 permits** Youth only

2008: Apr 15-May 5
2009: Apr 15-May 5
Hunt Area: 954-2 **24 permits**

2008: May 5-May 25
2009: May 5-May 25
Hunt Area: 954-3 **24 permits**

Southeast Controlled Hunts

2008: Apr 15-May 25

2009: Apr 15-May 25

Hunt Area: 968A-1 15 permits Youth only

2008: Apr 15-Apr 30

2009: Apr 15-Apr 30

Hunt Area: 968A-2 15 permits

2008: May 1-May 25

2009: May 1-May 25

Hunt Area: 968A-3 15 permits

2008: Apr 15-May 25

2009: Apr 15-May 25

Hunt Area: 971-1 **50 permits** Youth only

2008: Apr 15-Apr 30

2009: Apr 15-Apr 30

Hunt Area: 971-2 **50 permits**

2008: May 1-May 25

2009: May 1-May 25

Hunt Area: 971-3 **50 permits**

Upper Snake Controlled Hunts

2008: Apr 15-**Apr 30**

2009: Apr 15-**Apr 30**

Hunt Area: 950-1 **125 permits**

2008: **May 1-May 25**

2009: **May 1-May 25**

Hunt Area: 950-2 **125 permits**

2008: Apr 15-May 25

2009: Apr 15-May 25

Hunt Area: 950-3 50 permits Youth only

Hunt Area: 950-3 50 permits Youth only

Salmon Controlled Hunts

2008: Apr 15-May 25

2009: Apr 15-May 25

Hunt Area: 936B-1 **15 permits**

Hunt Area: 936B-2 5 permits Youth only

Turkey
fall
seasons:

2008: Sep 15-Oct 9 General season
2009: Sep 15-Oct 9 General season
Units: 8, 8A, 10, 10A, 11, 11A, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 16A, 17, 18, 19, 29, 22, 23, 24, 31, 32 (**except that portion in Payette County is closed**), and 32A. Units 33 and 39 are closed.

2008: Sep 15-Oct 31 General season
2009: Sep 15-Oct 31 General season
Units: 73, 74, 75, 77, and 78.
2008: Sep 15-Dec 15 General season
2009: Sep 15-Dec 15 General season
Units: 1, 2 (except Farragut State Park and Farragut WMA), 3, 4, 4A, 5, and 6.

2008: Nov 21-Dec 31 General season
2009: Nov 21-Dec 31 General season
Units: 8, 8A, 10A, 11, 11A, and 16. Private lands only.

Southeast Fall Controlled Hunts

2008: Sep 15-Dec 31

2009: Sep 15-Dec 31

Hunt Area: 971-4 50 permits

Hunt Area: 971-5 50 permits Youth only

Upper Snake Fall Controlled Hunts

2008: Sep 15-Nov 30

2009: Sep 15-Nov 30

Hunt Area: 950-3 25 permits Youth only

Bag and Possession Limits

The daily bag limit is one bearded turkey per day in the spring and one turkey (either sex) per day in the fall, except 5 turkeys (either sex) may be taken in a day in Units 1, 2, 3, and 5 during fall season. A hunter may take as many turkeys as they have legal tags for during the year.